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**PLASMA** 

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- A PTO Form 1449 vistingtwelve (12) references. (X)
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JOHNA .055CP1 **PATENT** FED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **Applicant** WEMARY & Bert C. Platt, Jr., et al. Group Art Unit Unknown App. No. 09/812,148 Filed March 19, 2001 For STERILIZATION SYSTEM **EMPLOYING A SWITCHING** MODULE ADAPTED TO PULSATE THE LOW FREQUENCY POWER APPLIED TO A PLASMA SEP 2 4 2001 Examiner Unknown INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Sir: Enclosed is form PTO-1149 listing twelve (12) references. Please note that these references are of record in related patent applications serial no. 09/677,534 filed on October 2, 2000. Therefore, no copies of these references are included. Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. Respectfully submitted, KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP By: Bruce S. Itchkawitz

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